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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am writing to you because I am alarmed about the practice of adding antibiotics to poultry, hog and cattle feed for the purpose of promoting growth and preventing disease. This indiscriminate use of antibiotics increases the possibility that these antibiotics and other closely related ones will be ineffective if needed to treat people. There is already significant problems with increasing levels of resistance to antibiotics in many common bacterial infections acquired in hospitals, such as Staphylococcus aureus. It seems the limited gains to agriculture are not worth the risk to human populations by such practices. I urge you to follow the lead of the World Health Organization's recommendations to ban such practices. The FDA should revoke its approval for the use of the six antibiotics in animal feed.

Thank you for your consideration of this serious matter.

Sincerely,



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